

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of WHITNEI ERIN CASSEL and
GARTH CASSEL, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JAMES CASSEL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SANDRA CASSEL,

Respondent.

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February 9, 1999

No. 208538

Ingham Juvenile Court

LC No. 00-004459

Before: Gribbs, P.J., and Saad and P. H. Chamberlain,* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right the juvenile court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination under subsections (3)(c)(i) and (g) were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997); *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51-52; 501 NW2d 231 (1993). In addition, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of his parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith, supra*. Therefore, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Paul H. Chamberlain